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SUMMARY. DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR HAS ALERTED US TO
HIS DESIRE CONSULT FURTHER WITH USG RE PORTUGUESE

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COLONIES IN AFRICA. EC MEETINGS IN BONN LAST WEEK LEFT

UNDECIDED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE COLLECTIVE EC
APPROACH TO PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DCM APRIL 23 ABOUT EC POLITICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING LAST WEEK, DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR
OTTO BORCH SAID HE MAY WANT TO TALK TO US LATER ABOUT
PORTUGUESE POLICY IN AFRICA. HE CONFIRMED OUR
ASSUMPTION THAT DUTCH HAD PLAYED LEADING ROLE AT BONN
IN RAISING QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES BUT SAID
THAT DISCUSSION WAS EVEN MORE INCONCLUSIVE THAN
INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND BY VAN WELL
(BONN 6284). ACCORDING TO BORCH, NINE DID NOT AGREE
TO FUTURE COLLECTIVE APPROACH, BUT LEFT QUESTION OF
COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES UNDECIDED.

2. BORCH SAID THAT QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS
TERRITORIES WAS A NATURAL SUBJECT FOR CONSULTATION
WITH U.S., BUT HE WANTS TO REFLECT ON MATTER FIRST
BEFORE DISCUSSING IT FURTHER WITH US. IN HIS VIEW,
ISSUE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNDER TWO ASPECTS: 1) GENERAL
POLICY, AND 2) CONCRETE ISSUES, SUCH AS RECOGNITION OF
GUINEA-BISSAU (GB). KEY QUESTION UNDER SECOND ASPECT
IS WHAT PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UNSC WILL DO WHEN
ADMISSION OF GB TO UN IS PRESENTED TO THEM. HE WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW US POSITION WHEN USG CONSIDERS THIS QUESTION.
BORCH COMMENTED THAT A US DECISION NOT TO VETO GB
ADMISSION COULD SERVE TO FOCUS PORTUGUESE THOUGHTS ON
CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR CURRENT POLICIES.

3. BORCH REITERATED THAT IT IS NATURAL TO CONSULT WITH
USG ON THIS MATTER BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH OUR ATTITUDES
TOWARD PROBLEM MAY DIFFER, WE BOTH WANT BROADLY SIMILAR
RESULTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HOPED FOR RECIPROCITY
AS FAR AS CONSULTATIONS WERE CONCERNED.
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